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TRENDS IN ALCOHOL-RELATED MORBIDITY AMONG SHORT-STAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISCHARGES, UNITED STATES, 1979–2002

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HIGHLIGHTS

This surveillance report, prepared annually by the Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System (AEDS), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), presents data on alcohol-related morbidity in the United States from 1979 to 2002. AEDS compiles these statistics on alcohol-related inpatient stays based on a national sample of hospital discharge episodes from the National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS), conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau are used as the denominators to calculate rates. However, in this issue the population data used in earlier surveillance reports were replaced by the civilian population estimates that came with the NHDS Multi-Year Data File 1979–2002 Series 13 No. 36A issued by the NCHS in June 2004. This resulted in minor changes in the calculated rates. The following are highlights of general trends and notable findings:

Alcohol-Related Hospital Discharges in 2002

- Approximately 437,000 hospital discharge episodes for persons ages 15 and older had a first-listed alcohol-related diagnosis, and approximately 1.5 million discharge episodes had an all-listed alcohol-related diagnosis. These figures represent 19.3 first-listed and 66.9 all-listed alcohol-related discharges per 10,000 population, slight increases from the 2000 rates (18.3 and 62.0, respectively) and the 2001 rates (18.6 and 64.4, respectively).
- Alcohol dependence syndrome composed the largest group (35 percent) of first-listed diagnoses, followed by alcoholic psychoses (30 percent), cirrhosis of the liver (24 percent), and nondependent abuse of alcohol (11 percent).
- A substantial difference exists between rates based on first-listed and all-listed diagnoses.
 More than two-thirds (71 percent) of alcohol-related morbidity episodes did not appear as a first-listed diagnosis.
- Alcohol-related diagnoses in decreasing order of severity as measured by average length of hospital stay were cirrhosis (6.2 days, with 6.6 days for alcoholic cirrhosis), alcohol dependence syndrome (5.5 days), alcoholic psychoses (5.0 days), and nondependent abuse of alcohol (2.2 days).

General Trends

- Hospital discharge rates showed a clear upward trend for both first-listed and all-listed alcoholic psychoses as well as for all-listed nondependent abuse of alcohol during 1988 to 2002. The upward trend was less obvious for first-listed nondependent abuse of alcohol.
- For all alcohol-related diagnoses, except cirrhosis without mention of alcohol, hospital
 discharge rates continue to be higher for males than for females. Persons ages 45 to
 64 generally have the highest all-listed alcohol-related morbidity rates, although persons
 ages 65 and older have higher rates of cirrhosis without mention of alcohol. Persons
 ages 15 to 24 have the lowest alcohol-related morbidity rates.
- In terms of percentage shares, the relative ranks of first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses are fairly constant over the 24-year study period. However, the percentage of alcohol dependence diagnoses has declined substantially in the past few years, while the percentages of diagnoses for alcoholic psychoses and any cirrhosis have increased.
- On average, first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses accounted for less than one-half (40 percent) of alcohol-related diagnoses in the NHDS samples over the 24-year study period.
- While there has been relatively little change in the percentage of hospital discharges with first-listed mention of an alcohol-related diagnosis, the proportion of hospital discharges with any mention of an alcohol-related diagnosis has increased.
- For alcohol dependence syndrome and cirrhosis, declines in average length of stay were observed between 1988 and 2002.

INTRODUCTION

This is the twelfth in a series of surveillance reports on alcohol-related morbidity among patients discharged from short-stay community hospitals in the United States. Prepared by AEDS, NIAAA, the report updates the trends published in earlier surveillance reports as well as a data reference manual (Stinson 1989). The findings are intended to be useful to policy-makers, health care providers, researchers, and other individuals concerned about the health effects of alcohol abuse.

Data are presented by age and sex, including numbers and population-based rates for hospital discharges with principal mention (first-listed) or any mention (all-listed) of specific diagnoses for chronic diseases resulting from alcohol abuse. Also included are data on the average length of hospital stay for alcohol-related discharge episodes. Race-specific data are not reported because a large proportion of discharges do not include race information.

AEDS uses variance estimation procedures recommended by NCHS to develop 95 percent confidence intervals for each estimate shown in figure 5 through figure 9 based on relative standard errors. The values of all estimates are presented in tables.

DATA

Sources

Hospital discharge data for the report are obtained from the NHDS, which has been conducted by NCHS since 1965. These data are processed by NCHS and made available on public use computer files. The report begins with 1979, the year in which the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) was implemented. ICD-9-CM is a diagnostic coding scheme published by the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities (1978) and is based on the World Health Organization's ninth revision of the ICD (1977). The Tenth Revision of ICD (ICD-10) was implemented for mortality data beginning with data year 1999; the

implementation of ICD-10-CM for morbidity data has not been determined (NCHS 2004).

The NHDS collects data from a sample of non-Federal, short-stay hospitals with six or more beds and an average length of stay of fewer than 30 days. The sample is stratified by geographic region and hospital size. The probability of selecting a hospital is directly proportional to its size. Discharge episodes are sampled randomly at each participating hospital; the episode sampling ratio within an individual hospital varies inversely with the probability of hospital selection. NCHS calculates appropriate weights and includes them in the data files to project national estimates from the sample. Descriptions of the NHDS sampling design, data collection procedures, and data collection instruments used during the 1979–87 period are published elsewhere by NCHS (1977, 2004).

In 1988 NCHS implemented a new sample design to (1) provide geographic sampling comparability with other surveys conducted by NCHS, (2) update the sample of hospitals selected for the survey, and (3) maximize the use of data collected through automated systems. This change in the sample design may affect trend data because some differences between NHDS statistics based on the earlier sample (1979–87) and statistics based on the 1988 sample may be due to sampling variability rather than changes in patterns of hospital utilization (NCHS 2004). For example, NCHS compared the old survey results with the new results and produced significantly lower estimates of first-listed and all-listed diagnoses of alcohol dependence in the new series (Haupt and Kozak 1992).

For each hospital discharge episode in the sample, the following items are provided: the patient's age, sex, race, marital status, and length of stay; the hospital's size and regional location; and codes for up to seven diagnoses and up to four surgical procedures.

Population data used in calculating hospital discharge rates were provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. To be consistent with NHDS publications, the population data used in prior issues of this report were replaced by the

civilian population estimates that came with the NHDS Multi-Year Data File 1979–2002 Series 13 No. 36A issued by the NCHS in June 2004. Although this resulted in minor changes in calculated rates, the overall trends generally remained unchanged.

Limitations

Estimates of alcohol-related morbidity based on the NHDS sample may underestimate the overall prevalence of such morbidity in the general U.S. population. For example, the NHDS sample does not include Veterans Administration and other Federal hospitals or hospitals with an average length of stay of 30 days or longer. Morbidity among individuals who are not hospitalized (i.e., those who seek outpatient treatment or no treatment) also is not reflected in the NHDS data. Furthermore, the stigma associated with alcohol abuse may lead to some reluctance by health professionals to report an alcohol-related diagnosis.

To properly interpret the data, the following characteristics of the NHDS should be understood:

- The NHDS provides a record for each sampled hospital discharge episode, not for each individual patient; therefore, an unknown portion of discharge episodes may reflect multiple hospital episodes for a single patient in a given year. Because no patient identifiers appear in the NHDS public use data files, it is not possible to identify records for different hospital episodes involving the same patients. Therefore, the numbers and rates reported here reflect the incidence of alcohol-related hospital discharge episodes and not the prevalence of alcohol-related diagnoses among individual patients.
- Because NHDS data are obtained from a sample of hospital discharge episodes, any resulting estimates are subject to sampling error. The reliability of estimates is a function of sample size. NCHS guidelines, based on the NHDS sampling plan, require a minimum of 30 unweighted cases for even marginally acceptable reliability. In this report, data based on fewer than 30 NHDS records (population estimates in the range of 5,000 to 6,000 after weights are applied) are not displayed for table cells. Estimates below 10,000 may be only marginally reliable.

- The NHDS methodology allows for coding up to seven different diagnoses for each hospital discharge record. The first of these code positions (the first-listed diagnosis) contains a code for the principal diagnosis. The remaining six positions can be used to code additional diagnoses identified during the patient's hospital stay. In this report, an all-listed diagnosis is a diagnosis that appears in any one of the seven possible code positions for each record and counts of all-listed diagnoses are described as counts for any mention of the particular diagnosis. The first-listed diagnosis need not be the most serious diagnosis recorded on a discharge record, nor is it necessarily the diagnosis that accounts for the overall length of a patient's hospital stay.
- Numbers and rates based only on firstlisted diagnoses can be misleading because these data overlook other morbidity that may be diagnosed during the patient's hospitalization. Therefore, numbers and rates are presented for first-listed and alllisted mentions of alcohol-related diagnoses. First-listed diagnoses constitute a subset of all-listed diagnoses. All-listed diagnostic categories are not mutually exclusive; a given discharge may appear in more than one all-listed diagnostic category. However, a hospital discharge with multiple diagnoses in the same category is not counted more than once. For example, one diagnostic category is alcoholic psychoses (ICD-9-CM code 291). Under this category are eight subclassifications. A discharge with diagnoses of both alcohol withdrawal delirium (code 291.0) and alcohol withdrawal hallucinosis (code 291.3) would be counted only once under the overall alcoholic psychoses classification even though more than one type of alcoholic psychosis appears on the record. (This method of counting alllisted diagnoses differs from the method used in NCHS publications; NCHS counts the number of mentions of specific diseases in hospital records, whereas AEDS counts the number of hospital records that mention specific diseases.)
- Two data collection procedures have been used since 1985 in conducting the survey:
 (1) a manual system of sample selection

and data abstraction and (2) an automated method that involves the purchase of data files from abstracting service organizations. An increasing proportion of respondent hospitals have employed the automated method. Prior to 1985, all data were collected manually. In 1987 approximately one-sixth (17 percent) of sample hospitals used the automated method; by 2002 40 percent of these hospitals were using the automated method (DeFrances and Hall 2004). The variability in data collection procedures may have systematic effects on morbidity trend data.

• The change in sample design implemented in 1988 implies a discontinuity in timeseries data. Therefore, the reader must use caution when interpreting trends across the old and the new sample periods.

METHOD

Definitions

A major methodological issue of this report is the specification of the categories of alcohol-related diagnoses. The level of diagnostic detail defined in the ICD-9-CM and available in the NHDS is so great that the most detailed classification of morbidity results in diagnostic categories with very few observations. To minimize the problem of small cell sizes, detailed diagnostic classifications from the NHDS are reported under four major alcohol-related categories, with three subcategories for chronic liver disease and cirrhosis. These categories (and the associated specific alcohol-related diagnoses) are listed in the table of definitions on the following page. The categories are consistent with the diagnostic categories used in previous AEDS publications on alcoholrelated morbidity.

For chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, the ICD-9-CM allows for a distinction between diagnoses with and without mention of alcohol. In recent years AEDS has chosen not to emphasize this distinction and has reported all liver cirrhosis in analyses of alcohol-related morbidity and mortality. This practice was adopted at the recommendation of health

professionals and epidemiologists who attended a conference sponsored by AEDS in 1979. In keeping with this practice, this report includes an overall category of chronic liver disease and cirrhosis that does not distinguish between cirrhosis with and without mention of alcohol. For consistency with causes of death reported in other AEDS publications on cirrhosis mortality (Yoon, Yi, and Smothers 2004), this report also includes three subcategories of cirrhosis: (1) alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver, (2) other specified cirrhosis of the liver without mention of alcohol, and (3) unspecified cirrhosis of the liver without mention of alcohol.

This report presents data for the U.S. population ages 15 and older in the following age categories: 15 to 24, 25 to 44, 45 to 64, and 65 and older. Age 15 is below the minimum legal drinking age in all 50 States and the District of Columbia, but survey results show that a large number of adolescents drink alcoholic beverages. For example, data from the NIAAA 2001–2002 National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions indicate that 12.2 percent of current drinkers ages 18 and older in the United States began drinking at age 15 or younger (Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System 2004).

Exclusions

In assessing alcohol-related diagnoses, discharges of females with deliveries should be excluded because childbirth is not an illness. In a typical year, approximately 12 to 13 percent of all hospital discharges are for delivery. In 2002 this category accounted for 11.7 percent of all discharges (DeFrances and Hall 2004). Accordingly, to examine the share of all discharges associated with a first-listed or an all-listed alcohol-related diagnosis in figure 4, the percentages were calculated after excluding from both the numerator and denominator all records coded in the first-listed diagnosis as V27, a supplementary ICD-9-CM classification for females delivering babies.

Assessment of Statistical Significance

Because data on hospital discharges are based on a sample of all discharges, there is

Definition of Alcohol-Related Diagnoses

Category Used in Report		Classification in ICD-9-CM
Alcoholic psychoses	291.0	Alcohol withdrawal delirium
	291.1	Alcohol amnestic syndrome
	291.2	Other alcoholic dementia
	291.3	Alcohol withdrawal hallucinosis
	291.4	Idiosyncratic alcohol intoxication
	291.5	Alcoholic jealousy
	291.8	Other specified alcoholic psychosis
	291.9	Unspecified alcoholic psychosis
Alcohol dependence syndrome	303.0	Acute alcoholic intoxication
•	303.9	Other and unspecified alcohol dependence
	265.2	Pellagra
	357.5	Alcoholic polyneuropathy
	425.5	Alcoholic cardiomyopathy
	535.3	Alcoholic gastritis
Nondependent abuse of alcohol	305.0	Alcohol abuse
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis:		
Alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver	571.0	Alcoholic fatty liver
	571.1	Acute alcoholic hepatitis
	571.2	Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver
	571.3	Alcoholic liver damage, unspecified
Other specified cirrhosis of the liver	571.4	Chronic hepatitis
without mention of alcohol	571.6	Biliary cirrhosis
	571.8	Other chronic nonalcoholic liver disease
	572.3	Portal hypertension
Unspecified cirrhosis of the liver	571.5	Cirrhosis of liver without mention of alcohol
without mention of alcohol	571.9	Unspecified chronic liver disease without mention of alcohol

some sampling error in the estimates presented in this report. To assess the statistical significance of apparent differences in the estimates presented, we have used variance estimation procedures recommended by the NCHS to develop confidence intervals for each estimate.

The confidence intervals presented in figures 5–9 are based on relative standard errors (RSEs), which are standard errors

expressed as a percentage of the estimate. NCHS provides a method for obtaining RSEs in the technical documentation of the annual National Hospital Discharge Survey summary report for first-listed and all-listed diagnoses and for length of stay (NCHS 2004). To obtain a 95-percent confidence interval, the RSE value was multiplied by the estimate and by 1.96, and the resulting value was then added to and subtracted from the estimate.

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Figure 1. Percent distribution of first-listed diagnoses among discharges with first-listed mention of an alcohol-related diagnosis, 2002.

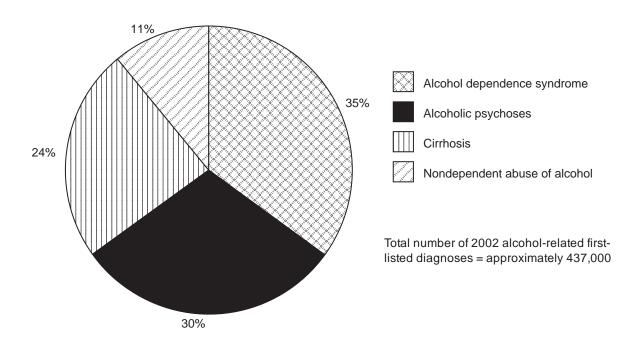
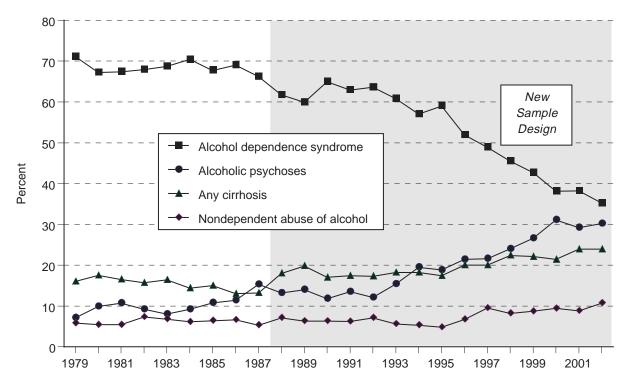


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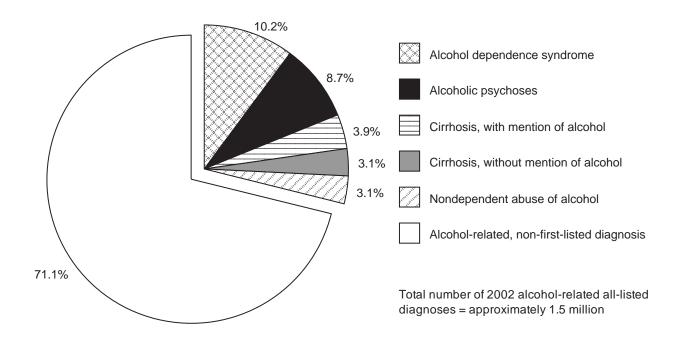
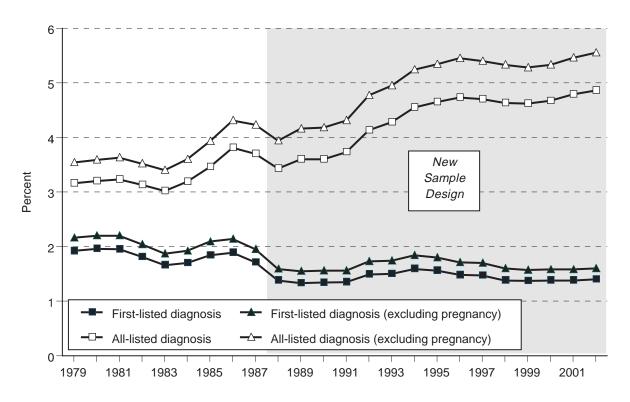


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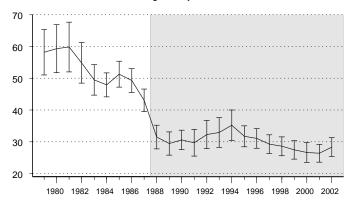


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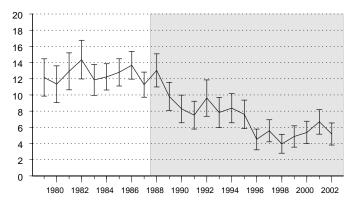
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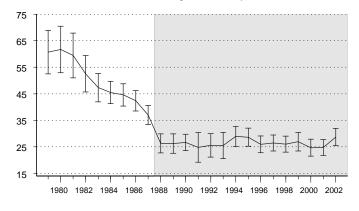
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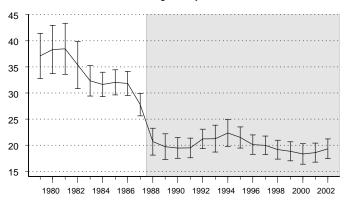
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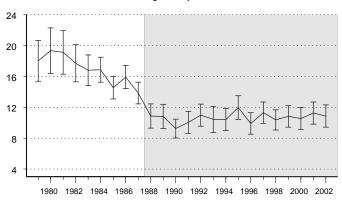
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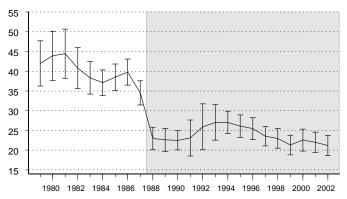
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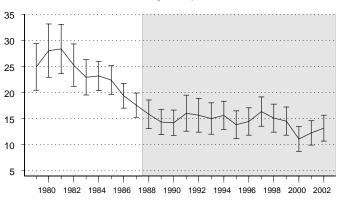
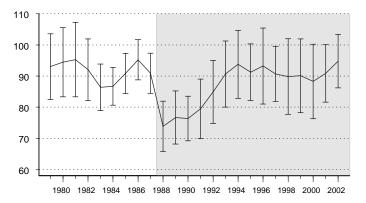


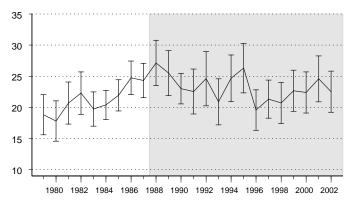
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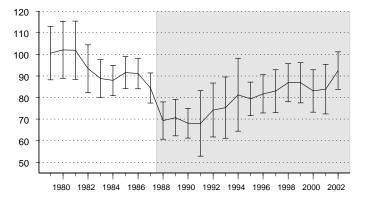
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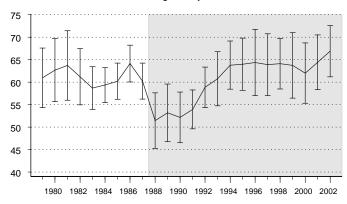
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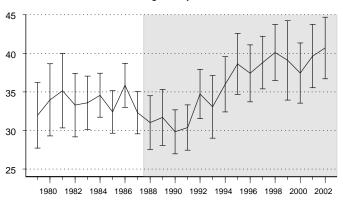
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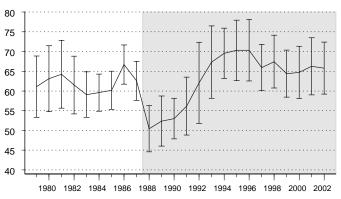
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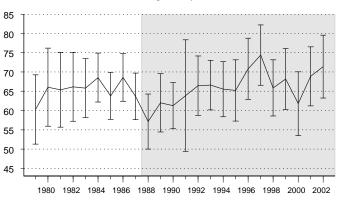
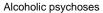
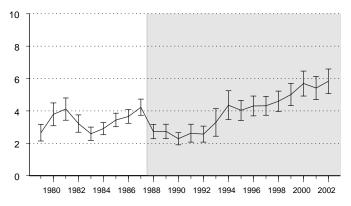


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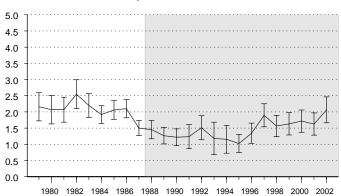
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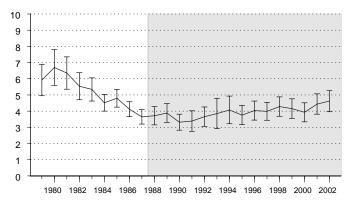




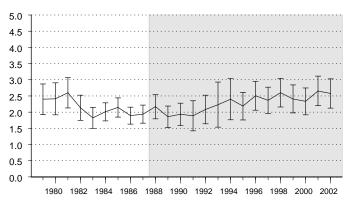
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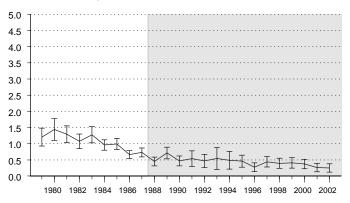
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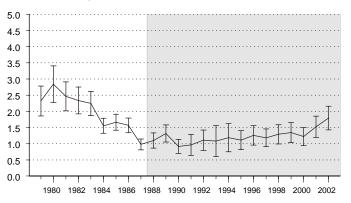
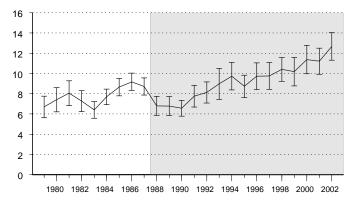


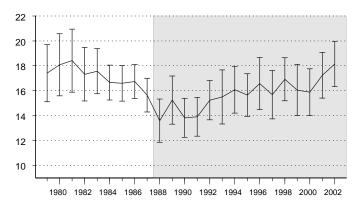
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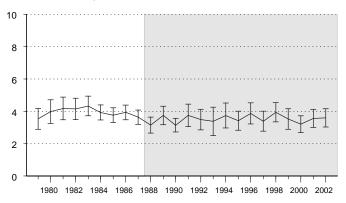
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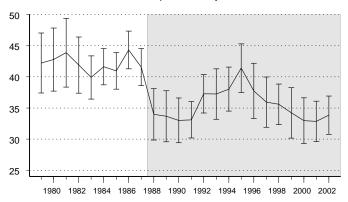
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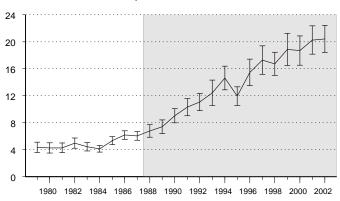
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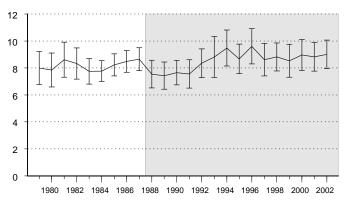
Alcohol dependence syndrome



Nondependent abuse of alcohol



Alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver



Unspecified cirrhosis without mention of alcohol

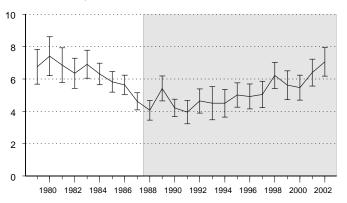
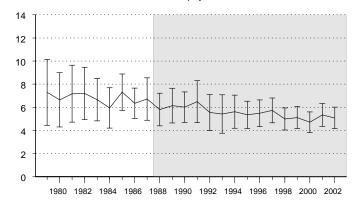


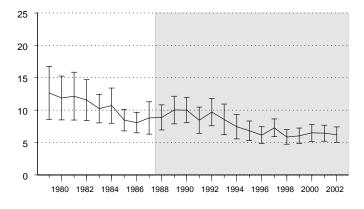
Figure 9. Estimates of average length of stay and 95-percent confidence intervals for specific alcohol-related diagnoses, 1979–2002.

[Shaded area represents the period of implementation of a new sample design which may affect the trend data. Caution should be taken when assessing differences between the old and new sample design periods.]

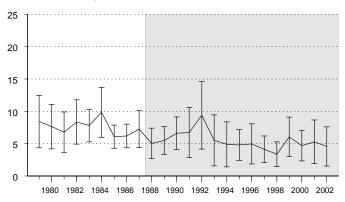
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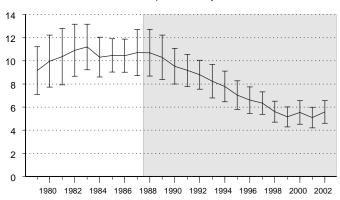
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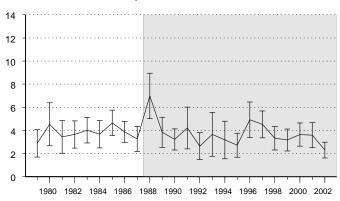
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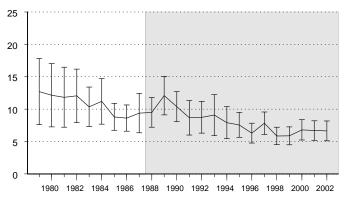
Alcohol dependence syndrome



Nondependent abuse of alcohol



Alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver



Unspecified cirrhosis without mention of alcohol

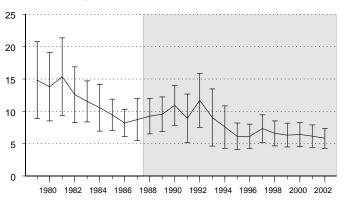


Table 1. Number and rate of first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002.

Diagnostic category			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate per	r 10,000 pc	pulation		
and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
Any alcohol-related diagnosis 2002*	437 415 404 405 408 421 419 442 455 429	310 285 284 285 294 298 312 314 345 320	127 130 120 121 114 123 107 128 110	21 26 21 19 15 21 17 28 31	178 185 190 178 193 199 215 219 226 225	191 160 154 159 148 146 139 149 147	47 43 39 50 51 55 48 46 51 49	19.3 18.6 18.3 18.8 19.1 20.0 20.1 21.5 22.3 21.2	28.3 26.4 26.6 27.4 28.6 29.3 31.0 31.7 35.2 32.9	10.9 11.3 10.5 10.8 10.4 11.3 9.9 12.0 10.4	5.2 6.7 5.4 4.9 4.0 5.6 4.5 7.6 8.4 7.8	21.2 22.0 22.6 21.3 23.0 23.5 25.5 26.1 27.0 27.0	28.7 24.8 24.7 26.9 26.0 26.5 26.0 28.6 29.0 25.5	13.2 12.3 11.1 14.5 15.1 16.4 14.4 13.8 15.6 15.0
1992* 1991* 1990* 1989* 1988*	423 385 381 378 394 524	309 282 287 270 285 387	114 103 94 109 108	29 35 28 31 36 49 43 53	215 191 183 178 178 263	123 116 123 120 120 166	50 50 44 44 48 52	21.2 19.5 19.5 19.7 20.7 27.8	32.3 29.7 30.6 29.5 31.5 43.1	11.0 10.0 9.2 10.8 10.9	9.6 7.5 8.3 9.8 13.0 11.3	25.9 23.1 22.5 22.6 23.0 34.5	25.6 24.8 26.7 26.2 26.3 37.0	15.6 16.0 14.2 14.4 15.8 17.6
1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	594 591 577 584 631 679 668 636	438 450 416 424 465 501 491 473	156 141 162 159 166 178 177 163	53 50 48 48 59 53 47 51	296 279 262 263 272 287 275 254	189 199 202 210 233 264 274 269	56 64 65 63 68 74 72 63	31.8 32.0 31.6 32.3 35.3 38.5 38.3 37.1	49.3 51.3 47.9 49.5 54.9 59.8 59.3 58.2	15.9 14.6 16.9 16.8 17.7 19.1 19.4 18.0	13.7 12.8 12.2 11.9 14.4 12.9 11.3 12.2	39.8 38.5 37.1 38.3 40.8 44.4 43.9 42.0	42.4 44.6 45.5 47.3 52.5 59.5 61.7 60.7	19.4 22.4 23.2 22.9 25.2 28.3 28.0 24.9
Alcoholic psychoses 2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1989* 1988* 1988* 1987 1986 1985	132 121 126 108 98 91 90 83 89 66 51 52 45 53 52 80 68 64 53 47 58	98 82 93 83 77 67 73 63 74 53 41 44 38 42 42 65 50 43 40 48	34 39 33 25 21 24 17 20 15 14 11 8 7 10 10 15 13 14	4 6 8	65 62 68 55 49 44 48 42 45 38 27 21 25 6 42 31 23 21	55 45 43 40 37 34 31 32 34 21 16 18 20 17 28 22 21 22 18 22	8879011868656568 8686 	5.8 5.4 5.7 5.6 4.3 4.3 4.4 3.3 2.6 2.7 4.2 2.7 4.2 3.4 2.9 3.2 2.2	9.0 7.6 8.7 8.7 8.5 6.2 6.2 6.2 6.3 7.4 4.0 4.6 4.0 6.7 4.9 6.7	2.9 3.4 2.9 2.19 2.6 1.8 1.4 1.3 1.0 8 0.7 1.0 1.5 1.4 1.1 1.1	1.0 1.6 2.0 — — — — — — — — — —	7.7 7.4 8.6 6.8 5.3 5.7 5.4 4.5 3.4 5.9 4.2 3.3 4.3 3.3 4.3	8.99.98.5.1.9.1.7.2.3.8.9.3.7.3.0.8.9.1.0.4.1.0	2.2 2.3 2.0 2.6 3.0 3.3 2.5 1.9 1.7 1.9 1.7 2.0 2.5 2.6 2.2 2.7 2.1
1982 1981 1980 1979 Alcohol dependence syndrome 2002*	73 66 45	59 52 39	14 14 7	10	29 35 32 20	22 29 28 18	5 — 7	4.1 3.8 2.7	7.0 6.3 4.8	1.5 1.6 0.7	2.5	5.4 5.1 3.4 9.5	6.4 6.3 4.1	2.0
2001* 2000*	158 154	119 113	39 41	14 9	82 85	54 52	9 7	7.1 7.0	11.0 10.6	3.4 3.6	3.6 2.4	9.7 10.1	8.3 8.4	2.5 2.0

Table 1. Number and rate of first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Diagnostic category			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate pe	r 10,000 pc	pulation		
and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
1999*	173 185 206 217 261 260 261 269 242 248 227 243	125 140 149 166 191 197 201 205 183 191 171	48 46 57 51 70 63 60 63 58 57 56 60	10 10 12 12 21 23 23 25 20 24 40	86 105 110 133 149 158 158 141 134 124 122	64 59 68 61 76 72 66 68 64 69 59	13 12 15 12 15 15 14 18 17 20 15	8.0 8.7 9.8 10.4 12.7 12.9 13.5 12.2 12.6 11.8 12.8	12.0 13.6 14.7 16.5 19.2 20.1 20.7 21.4 19.4 20.3 18.7 20.3	4.3 4.1 5.2 4.7 6.6 5.7 6.1 5.6 5.6 6.0	2.6 2.5 3.3 5.7 6.2 6.7 5.4 6.9 10.6	10.3 12.5 13.1 15.7 17.7 17.8 19.0 19.1 17.0 16.5 15.7	10.9 10.3 12.4 11.3 14.7 14.3 13.3 14.1 13.7 15.0 12.8 14.6	3.6 4.6 3.5 4.4 4.6 5.5 6.0 5.1
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	347 410 401 407 401 429 458 449 452	259 314 321 299 305 330 355 351 350	88 96 80 107 96 99 102 98 102	32 41 33 37 36 46 37 35 34	191 223 213 203 198 199 213 203 197	98 121 126 135 136 150 171 175 187	27 25 29 32 31 35 37 36 33	18.4 21.9 21.7 22.3 22.2 24.0 25.9 25.8 26.4	28.8 35.3 36.6 34.5 35.5 39.0 42.4 42.4 43.0	8.9 9.8 8.3 11.2 10.1 10.5 11.0 10.7 11.3	8.3 10.4 8.5 9.2 8.9 11.2 8.9 8.4 8.2	25.0 30.0 29.4 28.8 28.8 29.8 32.9 32.5 32.6	21.8 27.2 28.3 30.3 30.7 33.8 38.5 39.5 42.2	9.1 8.5 10.1 11.6 11.2 12.9 14.1 13.8 13.2
All chronic liver disease														
and cirrhosis 2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1983 1982 1981 1983 1982 1981 1980 1979	105 99 87 89 91 84 77 83 78 73 67 65 75 71 69 77 89 83 96 99 117 102	68 59 53 52 54 49 53 45 56 44 38 40 41 40 51 54 56 64 58	37 40 33 38 38 35 31 33 27 29 29 25 34 28 28 37 37 37 35 43 43 50 53 43		15 25 18 18 22 24 22 18 20 20 17 16 18 17 20 21 22 24 22 23 24 22 23 24 20 20 20 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21	61 50 46 42 36 38 36 32 27 31 36 31 32 37 43 37 46 48 561 54	27 24 21 25 27 24 22 26 25 24 23 16 20 22 16 22 24 23 23 25 27 21	4.6 4.4 3.2 4.3 4.0 3.8 4.1 3.7 3.4 3.3 3.7 3.4 3.3 3.7 3.6 4.8 5.5 6.7 5.9	6.25.50 5.52 4.53 5.70 4.03 4.4.8 4.5 5.5.26 6.6.4 7.7.2	3.1 3.49 3.44 3.29 1.68 2.88 2.44 3.28 2.88 3.96 5.64 5.7 4.8		1.8 3.0 2.1 2.2 2.6 2.8 2.6 2.2 2.4 2.0 1.9 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.3 2.7 3.7 3.8 3.7	9.1 7.8 7.4 7.8 7.3 6.5 7.0 7.2 6.6 5.9 6.7 7.2 8.2 9.6 8.4 10.4 10.9 12.4 13.7 12.2	7.6 6.7 6.1 7.2 8.0 7.1 6.7 7.9 7.6 7.3 5.3 6.7 7.4 7.7 8.3 8.5 9.2 10.6 8.3
Alcoholic cirrhosis 2002*	58 59 52 52 55 50 52	46 44 37 39 39 36 39	12 15 15 13 17 13		12 19 13 12 17 18	38 34 29 32 27 24 26	7 7 8 8 11 8 7	2.6 2.7 2.3 2.4 2.6 2.4 2.5	4.2 4.1 3.5 3.7 3.8 3.6 3.8	1.0 1.3 1.3 1.2 1.5 1.2		1.5 2.2 1.6 1.4 2.0 2.1 2.1	5.8 5.2 4.7 5.3 4.7 4.3 4.9	2.0 1.9 2.3 2.4 3.4 2.3 2.2

Table 1. Number and rate of first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Diagnostic category			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate pe	r 10,000 pc	pulation	<u> </u>	
and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
1995*	49 45	32 36 34 32 26 28 23 31	13 12 11 9 12 10 12		13 13 16 12 11 14 10	24 23 19 21 17 18 19 20	8 13 10 9 6 6 10	2.2 2.4 2.2 2.1 1.9 1.9 1.9 2.2	3.3 3.7 3.5 3.4 2.7 3.0 2.5 3.5	1.2 1.2 1.1 0.9 1.1 1.0 1.2		1.5 1.9 1.4 1.3 1.7 1.3	4.7 4.6 3.8 4.4 3.7 3.9 4.2 4.3	2.4 4.0 3.1 2.7 2.9 1.9 2.1 3.2
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	37 35 40 37 33 38 46 42 41	25 23 27 25 22 25 27 26 28	11 12 13 12 11 13 19 16	— — — — — —	13 10 12 13 12 12 12 12	16 19 21 19 16 21 22 23 24	7 6 7 — 5 10 7 6	1.9 1.9 2.1 2.0 1.8 2.1 2.6 2.4 2.4	2.8 2.6 3.0 2.8 2.6 3.0 3.2 3.1 3.5	1.2 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.1 1.4 2.0 1.8 1.4	— — — — — —	1.8 1.4 1.6 1.8 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.0	3.6 4.2 4.7 4.2 3.7 4.6 5.0 5.1 5.3	2.3 2.1 2.4 — 2.0 3.7 2.6 2.3
Other specified cirrhosis	_													
2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1996* 1996* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1988* 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981	6 8 9 8 9 6 9 10 11 9 14 9 14 12 18 18 219	3 	445656285667575 7680321 1121			3 5 		0.3 0.3 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.7 0.7 1.0 1.3 1.1	0.3	0.4 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.5 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.7 0.7 0.7 0.9 1.1 1.4 1.2			0.4	
1980	23 25 21	9 7	16 13		<u>6</u>	11 10	<u>5</u>	1.4 1.2	1.1 0.9	1.7 1.5	_	1.0 —	2.6 2.2	<u>2.1</u>
Unspecified cirrhosis 2002*	41 34 27 29 27 25 26 23 24 22 22	20 13 11 12 9 11 11 14 11 8	21 21 14 18 16 15 12 10 11 14		2 5 4 5	19 14 12 12 13 10 9 10 7 8	18 16 11 12 13 13 14 13 10 12 11	1.8 1.5 1.2 1.3 1.2 1.3 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1	1.8 1.2 1.2 1.1 1.1 0.9 1.1 1.1 1.5 1.1 0.9 0.9	1.8 1.8 1.2 1.6 1.4 1.4 1.1 0.9 1.1 1.3		0.2 0.6 0.5 0.6 	2.9 2.1 1.9 2.0 2.2 1.7 1.7 1.7 1.9 1.4 1.6 1.3	5.1 4.5 3.1 3.5 3.9 3.9 4.2 3.8 3.0 3.8 3.5

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Table 1. Number and rate of first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

D: (: 1			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate per	r 10,000 po	pulation		
Diagnostic category and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
1990* 1989* 1988*	18 25 21	8 11 8	10 14 13	_ _ _	=	8 11 8	8 10 10	0.9 1.3 1.1	0.9 1.2 0.9	1.0 1.4 1.3		=	1.8 2.5 1.7	2.6 3.4 3.4
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	18 29 31 28 41 42 43 50	10 10 15 16 21 23 24 29 23	9 19 16 12 19 19 20 21	— — — — — —	 8 7 6 7 6	10 13 14 12 19 21 23 27 21	6 12 14 13 14 14 15	1.0 1.6 1.7 1.6 2.2 2.3 2.5 2.8 2.3	1.1 1.2 1.7 1.9 2.5 2.7 2.8 3.5 2.8	0.9 1.9 1.6 1.3 2.0 2.1 2.3 1.9		1.1 1.0 0.9 1.2 1.0	2.3 3.0 3.2 2.8 4.3 4.7 5.2 6.0 4.7	2.1 4.2 5.0 4.7 5.0 5.3 5.5 6.0 4.6
Nondependent abuse of alcohol 2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1991* 1990* 1988*	47 36 38 35 33 40 28 21 24 24 24 24 24 24 24	38 24 25 25 25 32 20 16 18 17 19 17 18 17	9 12 13 10 10 8 8 5 5 7 11 8 6 9 11	55 537 5495658	18 16 19 18 17 20 12 10 12 9 12 8 11 12	19 11 12 9 11 8 9 4 4 7 5 5 6	53333	2.1 1.6 1.7 1.6 1.9 1.3 1.0 1.2 1.2 1.5 1.2	3.4 2.3 2.3 2.4 2.3 2.0 1.6 1.9 1.8 2.0 1.8 1.9	0.8 1.0 1.2 0.9 0.7 0.7 0.5 0.6 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.9 1.1	1.2 1.3 — 1.2 0.9 1.8 — 1.3 1.0 2.3 1.4 1.6 1.3 2.1	2.1 2.0 2.3 2.2 2.1 2.4 1.4 1.2 1.5 1.1 1.4 1.0 1.3 1.5	2.9 1.8 2.0 1.5 2.0 1.7 0.9 0.8 1.6 1.5 1.1	1.5 0.9 1.0 0.9 — — — — — — —
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	28 39 38 35 40 46 37 36 37	22 29 28 25 26 31 26 24 26	6 11 10 10 13 15 11	8 9 11 9 8 10 10 8 10	11 19 15 14 19 19 14 14	8 9 8 9 13 10 10		1.5 2.1 2.1 1.9 2.2 2.5 2.1 2.1 2.2	2.5 3.2 3.2 2.9 3.1 3.6 3.1 2.9 3.3	0.6 1.1 1.0 1.0 1.4 1.6 1.2 1.3	2.0 2.2 2.7 2.4 2.1 2.5 2.3 2.0 2.5	1.5 2.6 2.1 2.0 2.7 2.8 2.1 2.2	1.7 1.9 1.9 2.1 2.9 2.1 2.2	

New sample design was implemented, which may affect trend data. Some of the differences between the 1988–2002 statistics and those of earlier years may be due to sampling error rather than changes in hospital utilization patterns.

[—]There were fewer than 30 NHDS records for this cell of the table. Data are not reported because of questionable reliability.

Table 2. Number and rate of all-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002.

Diamontin automore			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate pe	r 10,000 pc	pulation		
Diagnostic category and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
Any alcohol-related diagnosis 2002*	1,366 1,345 1,342 1,317 1,300 1,226 1,175 1,066 1,021 1,020 979 1,136 1,198 1,119 1,060 1,093 1,125 1,092	1,039 982 941 935 923 923 938 904 919 880 814 753 717 702 670 817 847 798 752 741 781 781 781 781	476 458 427 436 443 404 413 381 361 312 309 319 351 319 319 312 319 311 319 312	90 97 87 78 79 72 96 90 76 90 83 86 94 102 93 96 86 81 79 91 86 74	554 558 546 538 567 5594 591 582 561 515 465 432 442 497 436 4410 410 415 395	616 541 519 512 496 458 438 413 412 372 357 317 314 324 315 378 406 408 391 395 415 454	254 243 217 233 225 251 238 217 215 216 213 201 189 190 172 189 191 180 177 171 170	66.9 64.4 62.0 63.7 64.1 63.9 63.8 60.7 58.9 52.1 51.4 60.2 64.1 60.2 61.2 58.7 61.2 62.7	94.8 90.9 88.3 90.1 89.8 90.7 93.2 91.2 93.8 90.7 84.9 79.5 76.4 76.7 73.8 90.9 95.2 90.8 85.7 86.4 92.1 95.3 94.5	40.7 39.6 37.4 39.1 40.1 38.6 36.0 33.1 34.7 30.4 29.8 31.7 31.0 32.3 35.9 32.4 34.6 33.3 35.9 34.6 33.3	22.5 24.6 22.4 22.7 20.7 21.3 19.6 26.3 24.7 20.9 24.6 22.5 23.0 25.5 27.1 24.3 24.8 21.9 20.4 19.7 22.3 20.7 17.8	65.8 66.2 64.7 64.4 67.4 65.9 70.3 70.3 69.5 67.3 62.1 56.2 53.0 52.4 66.7 69.6 69.1 69.5 69.1 69.5 69.1 69.5 69.1 69.5 69.1	92.5 83.9 86.8 85.9 83.0 81.7 79.4 81.3 75.3 74.2 68.0 68.1 70.7 69.3 84.4 91.1 91.5 88.8 93.4 101.9 102.1	71.4 68.9 68.2 65.9 74.8 65.6 66.4 63.9 65.1 63.7 68.6 63.8 65.8 66.2 66.1
1979	287 251 251 251 251 219 222 206 203 180 198 181 162 153 129 130 129 164 171 160 141 116 130 142 129 115	218 181 187 173 170 155 138 162 143 129 122 106 100 99 128 136 129 109 93 103 101 97	288 69 70 644 46 51 500 48 42 337 338 331 233 331 36 331 322 26 28 28 18	78 811974 54445 6676 6	125 109 117 98 99 93 92 84 83 85 74 67 53 55 76 80 73 57 49 55 57 44	116 98 95 81 86 75 66 67 80 66 67 80 66 60 49 49 46 60 63 58 58 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57	38 33 33 33 33 33 33 42 23 27 28 23 22 24 23 25 23 21 20 17 17 17 17 13 15	12.7 11.2 11.4 10.2 10.4 9.7 8.7 9.0 8.1 7.8 6.8 8.7 9.2 8.7 7.7 6.4 7.3 8.1 7.4 6.7	93.0 19.9 16.7 17.5 16.6 15.3 15.4 13.9 16.5 14.8 13.5 12.9 10.9 14.3 15.2 14.7 12.6 10.9 12.2 13.6 13.9	32.0 5.9 6.6 4.27 4.4 4.4 3.9 3.6 3.0 2.0 3.1 3.7 3.3 2.8 3.1 2.0	2.1 2.7 2.3 1.9 1.1 — 1.5 1.2 1.4 1.1 1.0 1.3 — 1.5 1.7 1.5 —	14.8 12.9 13.9 11.7 11.8 11.0 10.9 10.2 8.9 8.0 6.7 7.1 10.0 10.7 10.1 8.1 7.1 8.3 9.1 7.3	100.6 17.4 15.2 15.2 13.7 15.0 12.3 12.9 15.7 13.3 11.6 12.8 10.7 10.6 10.2 13.3 14.1 13.1 10.2 12.2 13.8 11.9	10.7 9.4 8.6 9.7 9.9 12.5 7.0 9.5 8.6 7.4 7.5 8.5 7.9 7.1 6.4 6.3 5.8
2002*2000*	767 735 727	553 527 526	213 208 201	38 42 38	329 329 332	313 281 275	86 82 83	33.9 32.9 33.0	50.5 48.8 49.4	18.3 18.0 17.6	9.6 10.8 9.7	39.1 39.1 39.3	47.0 43.5 44.0	24.0 23.3 23.8

 Table 2. Number and rate of all-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Diagnostic category			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)	ı				Rate pe	r 10,000 pc	pulation		
and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988*	737 759 757 787 853 775 752 745 654 647 646 647	529 552 548 592 618 578 568 552 491 484 481 468	207 207 209 195 235 197 183 193 164 163 165 179	36 38 35 39 59 44 51 46 55 65 74	331 371 350 392 423 390 393 375 332 311 302 289	281 270 275 259 275 247 228 226 192 202 196 204	88 80 97 97 95 90 87 92 85 79 84	34.2 35.6 35.9 37.8 41.4 38.0 37.2 37.3 33.1 33.0 33.7 34.0	51.0 53.7 53.9 58.8 62.4 59.0 58.6 57.5 51.8 51.5 52.5 51.5	18.6 18.8 19.2 18.1 22.0 18.6 17.5 18.6 15.9 16.0 16.5 18.0	9.4 10.0 9.4 10.5 16.1 13.3 12.1 13.9 12.6 14.6 17.6	39.6 44.1 41.5 46.4 50.4 46.6 47.1 45.2 40.0 38.1 38.4 37.3	47.7 47.3 49.7 48.4 52.9 48.6 46.2 47.0 41.1 43.8 42.7 44.8	25.8 23.6 28.8 29.0 28.6 27.4 26.7 28.9 27.0 25.6 27.3 26.6
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	785 828 756 760 721 749 775 746 724	593 621 578 557 536 567 585 573 554	192 208 179 204 185 182 189 173	66 72 58 61 59 67 61 51	372 390 347 333 314 313 322 307 287	252 271 267 273 261 277 307 303 304	95 95 85 93 86 92 85 85	41.6 44.3 40.9 41.6 39.9 41.9 43.9 42.8 42.2	66.0 69.8 65.8 64.2 62.5 66.8 69.9 69.3 68.1	19.4 21.2 18.4 21.3 19.5 19.4 20.4 18.9 18.9	17.2 18.5 14.7 15.5 14.8 16.3 14.8 12.4 12.8	48.8 52.4 47.8 47.2 45.8 46.9 49.8 49.1 47.5	56.3 60.8 59.9 61.3 58.8 62.3 69.0 68.0 68.6	32.1 32.8 29.9 33.3 31.5 34.4 32.6 33.0 31.7
All chronic liver disease														
and cirrhosis 2002* 2001* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1987 1988 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1982 1981 1983 1982 1981 1980	411 386 351 346 361 330 346 322 328 313 304 275 271 293 259 295 313 306 304 317 309 325 315 299	253 226 207 199 211 197 209 186 198 197 185 168 162 167 151 183 181 184 185 192 191 194 188 185	158 159 144 147 149 133 136 136 130 116 119 107 109 126 108 113 132 122 119 125 119 128 114	4 -4 -3 2 	72 83 76 69 79 76 86 81 87 75 71 68 67 73 71 66 75 77 79 77	210 179 179 173 164 131 147 133 133 123 117 106 102 117 109 129 141 147 125 140 143 156 152	125 121 91 102 114 120 110 106 105 107 94 98 100 79 89 95 90 101 93 82 86 85 72	18.1 17.2 15.9 16.1 16.9 15.6 15.6 15.1 15.2 13.8 15.2 13.6 16.7 16.7 16.7 16.7 17.3 18.4 17.4	23.1 20.9 19.4 19.1 20.6 19.4 20.8 18.8 20.2 20.3 19.3 17.7 17.3 18.2 16.6 20.3 20.4 21.4 22.5 23.2 22.7 22.7	13.5 13.8 12.6 13.2 13.5 12.6 12.7 12.3 11.5 10.4 10.5 10.8 11.4 12.6 12.4 13.2 12.6 13.9 12.6	1.1 -1.0 0.8 0.7 1.4 0.8 0.9 2.2 1.3 1.7 1.6 1.6	8.5 9.8 9.1 8.3 9.4 9.1 10.1 9.7 10.4 9.0 8.6 8.6 9.5 9.6 9.0 10.7 11.9 11.9 11.9 11.4 11.3	31.5 27.8 28.7 29.4 28.8 23.7 27.4 25.5 26.2 24.4 22.8 22.1 25.5 23.9 28.8 31.7 33.0 28.0 31.5 32.1 34.2 34.3	35.1 34.2 25.9 29.7 33.5 35.6 32.8 31.8 33.0 33.4 29.9 31.6 32.6 32.8 31.8 33.6 32.8 31.6 32.8 31.6 32.8 31.6 32.8
Alcoholic cirrhosis														
2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997*	204 197 198 184 188 182 200	157 146 138 133 138 131 145	47 51 60 51 50 51 55		48 55 52 45 56 56 61	117 106 112 105 94 82 98	37 36 32 33 38 43 41	9.0 8.8 9.0 8.5 8.8 8.6 9.6	14.3 13.5 12.9 12.8 13.5 12.8 14.4	4.1 4.4 5.2 4.6 4.5 4.7 5.1	 - - - -	5.7 6.5 6.2 5.4 6.7 6.6 7.3	17.6 16.4 17.9 17.8 16.4 14.9 18.2	10.4 10.3 9.1 9.8 11.1 12.7 12.1

 Table 2. Number and rate of all-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Diagnostic category			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate pe	r 10,000 pc	pulation		
and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
1995*	179 193 178 167 149 150 143 144	124 138 135 125 106 109 101 104	55 55 43 42 43 41 42 40		59 61 59 55 50 49 41 44	81 87 78 73 66 62 64 68	37 45 39 37 33 37 36 28	8.7 9.5 8.8 8.4 7.6 7.6 7.4 7.5	12.5 14.1 13.9 13.0 11.2 11.6 11.0 11.4	5.1 5.2 4.1 4.1 4.2 4.0 4.2 4.0		7.1 7.2 7.1 6.6 6.0 6.0 5.2 5.7	15.6 17.1 15.9 15.3 14.2 13.5 13.9 14.9	11.0 13.7 11.9 11.4 10.3 12.1 11.6 9.3
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	163 159 152 142 140 149 152 137	118 111 104 103 101 108 105 98 98	46 47 48 39 39 41 47 39		49 50 46 44 48 53 47 45	79 78 78 71 65 71 75 65 72	33 28 27 26 24 23 27 26 23	8.7 8.5 8.2 7.8 7.7 8.3 8.6 7.8 8.0	13.1 12.5 11.8 11.9 11.8 12.7 12.5 11.8 12.1	4.6 4.8 5.0 4.1 4.3 5.1 4.3 4.3		6.4 6.7 6.4 6.2 6.9 7.9 7.3 7.1 6.8	17.6 17.5 17.6 15.8 14.7 16.1 16.9 14.6 16.3	11.2 9.8 9.3 9.2 8.8 8.6 10.2 10.1 9.0
Other specified cirrhosis														
2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1988* 1987	81 80 71 76 84 71 81 70 76 68 70 74 62 72 60 69 73 70	36 39 35 37 42 32 41 36 35 33 38 29 26 35 35	45 40 36 39 42 39 40 34 37 36 34 43 34 43 34	3	16 20 15 13 20 14 18 19 22 14 17 19 14 20 20 17 16	36 35 36 39 35 28 35 26 24 28 21 28 27 22 28 30 32	26 24 19 24 27 28 27 25 29 25 28 20 17 21 25 19	3.6 3.6 3.5 3.9 3.4 3.7 3.4 3.7 3.7 3.1 3.6 3.7	3.3 3.6 3.3 3.5 4.1 3.7 3.6 3.4 4.1 3.7 3.6 3.2 2.9 3.8 4.0	3.8 3.51 3.58 3.67 3.82 3.55 3.33 4.4 3.4 4.36	0.7 	1.9 2.3 1.7 1.5 2.4 1.7 2.1 2.2 2.6 1.7 2.0 2.2 1.8 2.6 2.5 2.2 2.2	5.4 5.6 5.6 6.1 5.5 6.1 5.5 4.7 5.6 4.0 6.1 6.8 6.3 6.2	7.4 6.8 5.0 7.9 8.2 8.1 7.4 8.8 7.6 8.9 8.2 7.3 6.4 5.7 7.1 8.8
1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	72 78 74 74 69 61	31 36 35 34 31 26	41 42 39 40 38 34		20 19 20 17 14 15	27 33 30 35 34 27	24 23 22 18 17 15	3.9 4.3 4.1 4.1 4.0 3.5	3.6 4.2 4.1 4.0 3.7 3.2	4.2 4.5 4.2 4.3 4.2 3.8		2.8 2.8 2.9 2.7 2.3 2.5	6.0 7.4 6.7 7.9 7.6 6.2	8.7 8.5 8.2 7.0 6.6 6.0
Unspecified cirrhosis	160	92	70		11	72	74	7.1	7.5	6.6		1.2	10.0	20.0
2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1993* 1991*	100 143 121 121 132 106 103 103 92 91 93 78	82 64 55 52 58 49 46 48 44 42 42 39	78 79 65 69 75 57 55 48 48 51		11 16 17 11 13 14 10 13 11 8	73 57 54 51 57 33 36 41 35 29 30 25	74 69 53 64 60 52 43 51 54 44	7.1 6.4 5.6 6.2 5.0 4.5 4.5 4.6 3.9	7.5 5.9 5.0 5.6 4.8 4.6 4.8 4.5 4.4 4.1	6.6 6.97 5.28 5.22 5.22 4.6 4.8 3.8		1.3 1.9 2.0 1.3 1.5 1.7 1.2 1.6 1.3 0.9	10.9 8.9 8.6 8.7 10.0 5.9 6.7 7.8 6.9 5.8 6.3	20.8 19.4 14.3 15.4 18.8 17.8 15.7 13.1 15.8 16.9 14.0

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Table 2. Number and rate of all-listed alcohol-related diagnoses for U.S. population ages 15 years and older by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Diagnostic category			Number of	discharges	(in 1,000s)					Rate pe	r 10,000 pc	pulation		
and year	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	Male	Female	15–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years
1990* 1989* 1988*	82 104 77	37 49 32	46 55 45		7 12 9	27 38 29	47 52 40	4.2 5.4 4.1	3.9 5.4 3.6	4.5 5.5 4.5	_ 	0.9 1.5 1.1	5.8 8.3 6.4	15.0 17.0 13.1
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	87 105 108 115 125 113 121 129 116	43 50 57 66 69 65 66 72 70	44 55 51 49 56 48 55 58 46		10 11 8 16 17 16 17 16	36 43 49 39 54 52 57 64	41 50 50 60 53 44 46 48 37	4.6 5.6 5.8 6.3 6.9 6.4 6.9 7.4 6.7	4.8 5.7 6.5 7.6 8.0 7.7 7.9 8.7 8.6	4.4 5.6 5.2 5.9 5.9 6.3 5.1		1.3 1.5 1.0 2.3 2.4 2.4 2.6 2.6 2.5	7.9 9.6 11.0 8.8 12.1 11.7 12.8 14.4 13.9	13.7 17.4 17.4 21.4 19.2 16.5 17.7 18.6 14.9
Nondependent abuse of alcohol 2002*	462 453 413 406 357 364 322 246 298 251 221 204 177 142 129	324 325 295 291 238 256 227 173 215 183 150 144 129 96 89	138 128 118 115 118 108 95 73 83 68 71 60 48 46 40	49 53 50 50 38 42 32 35 40 30 35 33 29 22 26	190 192 172 176 162 170 159 129 148 130 108 97 89 72 56	167 152 140 127 117 104 94 56 79 63 55 47 43 33	57 56 51 53 40 48 37 26 30 28 23 27 16 15	20.4 20.3 18.7 18.9 16.7 17.3 15.5 11.9 14.6 12.4 11.1 10.3 9.0 7.4 6.8	29.6 30.0 27.7 28.0 23.2 25.1 22.6 17.5 22.0 18.9 15.6 15.2 13.7	11.8 11.1 10.3 10.3 10.7 10.0 8.8 6.8 7.8 6.4 6.9 5.8 4.7 4.6 4.0	12.2 13.3 12.8 12.9 9.9 11.4 8.6 9.6 11.0 8.3 9.6 9.0 7.7 6.0	22.5 22.8 20.4 21.1 19.2 20.1 18.9 15.4 17.7 15.6 13.0 11.7 10.9 9.1 7.3	25.1 23.5 22.4 21.5 20.5 18.8 17.6 10.7 12.7 11.5 10.2 9.4 7.2	15.9 16.0 14.6 15.6 11.8 14.3 11.1 7.7 9.2 8.5 7.1 8.5 5.3 5.0 4.8
1987	114 116 99 76 80 89 75 74	84 84 68 53 54 60 53 52 53	30 31 30 22 26 28 22 23 22	24 20 23 17 15 20 18 16 19	50 56 39 33 37 37 29 29	28 27 27 20 20 24 23 20 23	12 12 11 6 8 8 6 9	6.0 6.2 5.3 4.1 4.4 5.0 4.3 4.3	9.4 9.5 7.8 6.2 6.3 7.1 6.4 6.3 6.5	3.0 3.2 3.1 2.3 2.7 3.0 2.4 2.5 2.4	6.2 5.8 4.2 3.7 4.9 4.3 3.9 4.6	6.6 7.6 5.3 4.6 5.4 5.5 4.4 4.6 4.5	6.2 6.0 6.0 4.6 4.5 5.5 5.1 4.5 5.2	4.1 4.2 3.8 2.0 3.0 2.9 2.4 3.6 2.2

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[—]There were fewer than 30 NHDS records for this cell of the table. Data are not reported because of questionable reliability.

Table 3. Average length of stay (in days) for first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses by sex and age group, 1979–2002.

Sex or age		Alcohol dependence		Chronic liver dis	ease and cirrhosis		Nondependent abuse
and year	Alcoholic psychoses	syndrome	Any	Alcoholic	Other specified	Unspecified	of alcohol
U.S. total							
2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1988* 1988* 1986 1985 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1984	5.0 5.3 4.7 5.1 4.9 5.7 5.4 5.6 5.4 5.5 6.4 6.0 6.1 5.8 6.7 6.3 7.3 5.9 6.7	5.5 5.1 5.5 5.6 6.3 6.6 7.7 8.2 8.8 9.1 9.5 10.3 10.7 10.4 10.3 11.2 10.3	6.2 6.4 6.4 6.0 5.8 7.2 6.1 6.8 7.4 8.5 9.7 8.4 9.9 10.0 8.8 8.7 8.0 8.4 10.6 10.2 11.5 12.1	6.6 6.7 5.8 5.8 7.8 6.2 7.5 7.9 9.0 8.7 8.6 10.3 12.0 9.4 9.3 8.6 8.8 11.1 10.3	4.5 4.6 6.3 4.1 9.0 9.5 9.3 6.0 9.8 8.7 6.1 9.8 8.7 8.7	5.8 6.4 6.5 7.3 6.1 7.5 9.0 11.6 10.5 9.2 8.7 8.1 10.5 11.5 12.5 15.3	2.2 3.5 3.6 3.1 3.3 4.5 4.9 2.7 3.1 3.6 2.6 4.2 3.8 6.9 3.2 3.8 4.6 3.6 4.0 3.6 3.4
1980 1979	6.6 7.2	9.9 9.1	11.8 12.6	12.1 12.7	7.6 8.4	13.7 14.8	4.5 2.8
Sex: male 2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1988* 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1985 1984 1983 1983 1982 1981 1980	4.7 5.0 4.9 5.7 5.0 5.5 5.6 6.1 6.8 5.8 7.0 6.4 6.7 7.2 6.4 6.6	5.4 5.0 5.1 4.9 5.9 6.4 6.8 7.3 8.7 9.5 10.2 10.5 10.2 10.0 10.9 10.0 10.9 10.1 9.8 9.1	6.3 6.0 6.1 5.5 6.1 7.3 6.1 7.1 6.6 8.7 9.2 8.0 10.7 9.2 8.3 7.7 7.0 8.0 10.6 10.2 11.4 11.6 11.6	6.8 6.1 6.4 5.5 6.1 7.1 6.2 7.6 8.3 9.0 8.4 10.9 8.9 8.0 7.4 8.1 10.4 9.6 11.0 11.0 11.8		5.1 5.9 5.8 5.9 7.0 8.9 6.0 5.8 61.1 11.6 6.4 12.2 8.1 7.2 8.1 7.3 8.7 10.4 11.4 11.4 11.8 12.9 13.3	2.4 2.5 2.8 3.3 3.4 4.4 5.1 2.9 3.2 2.8 3.0 3.5 4.6 7.2 3.2 3.5 5.0 3.8 4.2 3.9 3.6 4.7 3.0
Sex: female 2002* 2001* 2000*	6.0 5.8 4.8	5.9 5.1 6.5	5.9 7.0 6.9	5.6 8.1 7.6	4.6 6.2 4.9	6.4 6.3 6.9	1.7 5.6 5.0

 Table 3. Average length of stay (in days) for first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Sex or age		Alcohol dependence		Chronic liver dis	sease and cirrhosis		Nondependent abuse
and year	Alcoholic psychoses	syndrome	Any	Alcoholic	Other specified	Unspecified	of alcohol
1999*1 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995*2 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1989* 1988*	5.6 4.1 5.5 7.4 5.5 6.1 4.4 5.2 8.4 5.4 7.4 5.5	5.6 5.4 7.3 7.2 7.5 9.0 9.0 9.0 10.3 9.6 10.5 11.2	6.6 5.3 7.1 6.1 6.3 9.0 8.1 10.4 8.8 10.8 9.7	6.7 5.2 9.6 6.4 7.2 10.2 11.0 7.7 9.1 8.9 14.2 11.2	7.0 3.2 3.7 3.6 4.7 5.4 5.1 11.6 5.6 6.1 4.8	6.5 6.2 6.3 6.2 6.3 9.3 6.9 11.7 10.8 9.7 10.3 10.5	2.7 3.1 4.7 4.3 2.0 2.9 5.8 1.9 5.5 5.3 2.2 6.6
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	5.4 5.9 13.3 5.2 6.3 6.9 7.0 7.4 10.7	11.6 11.0 10.5 10.9 12.1 12.6 11.1 10.4 9.0	10.3 9.1 9.0 10.7 10.2 13.0 12.2 13.9	12.2 10.9 10.1 12.7 11.9 14.0 13.4 12.6 15.6	8.6 7.1 5.2 8.4 6.9 9.9 7.1 8.1 8.8	9.3 8.6 10.0 10.6 11.6 14.1 15.9 14.9	3.2 4.7 3.5 3.1 3.6 3.0 2.9 4.0 2.5
Age: 15–24 years 2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996* 1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988* 1988* 1987 1988* 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1985 1984 1983 1984 1983 1988 1988 1988 1988 1988 1989	5.7 4.7 3.8 ———————————————————————————————————	7.5 5.0 6.7 9.2 7.9 7.8 11.3 10.2 11.7 10.2 11.4 11.9 15.0 13.8 13.2 13.6 13.4 13.2 13.6 14.8 11.9 12.7 9.8					0.8 1.0 2.0 3.4 6.2 — 3.3 4.9 1.6 5.2 1.9 2.7 9.7 2.7 3.0 3.7 2.2 3.2 2.3 2.0 1.6
Age: 25–44 years 2002* 2001* 2000* 1999* 1998* 1997* 1996*	4.8 4.8 4.6 4.2 3.9 5.1 5.2	5.6 5.5 4.8 5.2 5.4 6.4	6.8 6.1 5.6 5.2 7.7 5.9	7.5 6.3 6.1 5.4 5.4 8.4 6.2		3.7 6.0 5.9 6.0 —	2.4 4.3 4.4 2.7 3.1 4.4 4.2

 Table 3. Average length of stay (in days) for first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Sex or age and year	Alcoholic psychoses	Alcohol dependence syndrome	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis				Nondependent abuse
			Any	Alcoholic	Other specified	Unspecified	of alcohol
1995* 1994* 1993* 1992* 1991* 1990* 1988*	4.9 4.8 4.7 5.0 5.6 4.8 5.8 4.8	6.6 7.4 7.7 8.7 9.1 9.3 10.0 11.0	6.2 8.1 7.9 9.3 8.5 7.3 8.9 7.1	6.8 8.0 7.7 8.7 8.7 7.5 11.2 7.5	 4.2 4.2	_ _ _ _ _ _	2.6 3.1 3.2 2.1 3.8 4.6 4.2 6.4
1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980	5.3 5.7 5.6 5.6 6.2 5.8 6.3 6.1 6.1	10.5 9.8 10.3 9.8 11.0 10.0 9.8 9.1 9.4	8.1 6.7 7.5 8.8 8.8 10.9 8.4 9.8 10.9	9.4 7.9 8.3 9.0 8.1 12.8 8.4 10.8	8.5 5.9 5.3 8.7		3.2 4.2 4.9 3.4 4.2 4.3 3.9 4.8 2.6
Age: 45–64 years 2002*	5.0 5.9 4.6 6.1 5.7 4.9 5.1 5.9 5.9 5.7 7.1 6.6 6.0 6.0 7.3 6.7 10.7 6.0 6.3 8.0 7.8	4.8 5.5 4.6 5.6 7.1 5.8 7.1 8.2 7.8 9.0 8.1 10.3 9.6 10.5 10.5	5.9 6.5 6.4 5.7 6.0 7.1 6.9 6.8 7.8 9.2 7.6 11.5 11.1 9.7 9.3 8.0 9.0 10.9 9.7 11.2	6.3 6.7 6.7 5.6 6.1 6.9 6.1 7.7 7.3 9.2 8.5 8.4 13.1 13.4 10.2 9.1 9.5 11.8 11.0 11.6	4.2 4.8 — — — 3.5 5.7 4.9 6.4 4.9 4.1 8.2 — 6.2 — 6.0 6.4 8.7	5.3 6.2 6.3 6.6 7.9 6.0 5.8 6.2 7.9 12.5 7.0 10.9 10.3 8.4 7.1 9.8 12.1 10.8 12.4 15.2	2.3 3.0 2.3 4.0 3.5 3.7 4.7 3.2 2.5 2.6 3.8 4.3 1.9 3.1 4.6 3.9 3.5 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4
1980 1979 Age: 65+ years 2002*	7.1 7.4 6.8	10.3 8.7 7.8	12.5 12.9 6.2 6.4	13.0 13.1 6.8	7.0 7.6	14.3 15.3 6.1	5.8 3.3 2.9
2001*	6.1 6.2 6.9 10.5 7.3 6.1 7.8 8.2 8.9	5.8 4.1 6.4 7.9 8.4 7.3 8.0 9.1 8.8	6.4 7.0 6.9 6.0 7.0 6.4 7.2 7.7 9.8 10.6	7.2 8.4 7.4 5.8 8.9 7.1 8.0 8.6 10.8 9.2		6.1 6.7 6.3 6.5 6.7 6.2 6.4 7.6 9.5 10.8	5.8 4.6 4.9 — — — — — — —

Table 3. Average length of stay (in days) for first-listed alcohol-related diagnoses by sex and age group, 1979–2002. (Continued)

Sex or age and year	Alcoholic psychoses	Alcohol dependence syndrome	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis				Nondependent abuse
			Any	Alcoholic	Other specified	Unspecified	of alcohol
1991* 1990* 1989* 1988* 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980 1979	8.3 8.1 8.1 7.1 11.8 9.4 6.8 7.7 — 11.4 —	9.4 9.4 11.8 8.4 10.6 12.7 11.7 12.9 12.0 12.0 11.9 9.8 9.2	9.3 9.9 8.9 9.1 8.8 9.1 8.4 12.2 13.0 13.1 13.2 12.9 13.7	8.9 8.8 9.3 10.0 7.5 8.1 7.5 — 11.8 13.2 12.0 13.2	- - - - - - - - - - 8.1	10.1 11.3 9.2 8.5 9.6 10.3 9.0 9.0 13.3 12.9 15.9 14.9 15.3	

Note: Values are rounded down to the first decimal place.

^{*} New sample design was implemented, which may affect trend data. Some of the differences between the 1988–2002 statistics and those of earlier years may be due to sampling error rather than changes in hospital utilization patterns.

[—]There were fewer than 30 NHDS records for this cell of the table. Data are not reported because of questionable reliability.

¹ Two discharge cases, one patient hospitalized for 29 days and another hospitalized for 36 days with complications from liver and stomach biopsies respectively, had major impacts on the average length of stay calculations for "any chronic liver disease and cirrhosis" and "other specified cirrhosis without mention of alcohol." These extreme outlier values were excluded from the estimates in this table.

² A single discharge case, a patient who was hospitalized for 217 days with complications from a liver transplant, had a major impact on the average length of stay calculations for "any chronic liver disease and cirrhosis" and "other specified cirrhosis without mention of alcohol." This extreme outlier value was excluded from the estimates in this table.